

58th Grey Cup

The **58th Grey Cup** was played on November 28, 1970, before 32,669 fans at CNE Stadium at Toronto. The Montreal Alouettes defeated the Calgary Stampeders 23–10. The game was marred by woeful field conditions, as throughout the contest several sections of the natural-grass surface came away in chunks.

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Box Score

First Quarter

Calgary – TD – Hugh McKinnis 5 yard run (Larry Robinson convert)

Montreal – TD – Ted Alflen 10 yard pass from Moses Denson (convert no good)

Second Quarter

Montreal – FG – George Springate 21 yard Field Goal

Third Quarter

Calgary – FG – Larry Robinson 21 yard Field Goal

Montreal – TD – Tom Pullen 7 yard run (George Springate convert)

Fourth Quarter

Montreal – TD – Garry Lefebvre 10 yard pass from Sonny Wade (George Springate convert)

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Montreal Alouettes (7–6–1)	Calgary Stampeders (9–7)						
23	10	Head coach: Sam Etcheverry		Head coach: Jim Duncan			
1 2 3 4 Total							
Montreal Alouettes 6 3 7 7					23		
Calgary Stampeders 7 0 3 0					10		
Date	November 28, 1970						
Stadium	CNE Stadium						
Location	Toronto						
Most Valuable Player	Sonny Wade						
Referee	Don Barker						
Attendance	32,669						
Broadcasters							
Network	CBC, CTV, SRC						

Trivia

Both teams had finished third in league play. Montreal was third place in the Eastern Conference at 7-6-1, and Calgary was third in the Western Conference with a 9-7-0 record.

The Alouettes were coached by former Als great Sam Etcheverry, and would be the Eastern Conference representative in the Grey Cup six times during the 1970s (meeting both Alberta teams during that span; this was their only meeting with Calgary; the other five times they met the Edmonton Eskimos).

Als quarterback Sonny Wade demonstrated the condition of the turf when he hurled a huge chunk of grass out of his way to take a snap. For his part, Stampeder head coach Jim Duncan called the field a "disgrace." As a result of the poor field conditions, the Toronto City Council installed AstroTurf two years later at the stadium, and was ready by the next Grey Cup game played at CNE Stadium in 1973.

The 1970 game was to be the last Grey Cup played on natural grass until the 1984 game at Edmonton's Commonwealth Stadium.

Sonny Wade won the first of his three Grey Cup Most Valuable Player awards.

George Springate, the Alouettes kicker, was formerly a police officer, and later a Member of the National Assembly of Quebec and a college (John Abbott College Cegep) teacher in criminology.

This was the final Grey Cup game to be played on a Saturday; beginning the next year, all Grey Cup games have been played on a Sunday, after the previous year's Grey Cup game was the first to be played in full on a Sunday.

Videos

- Entire game (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_0J4_BtFONG) on YouTube
- Entire game (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A4rGvpITvo8>) on YouTube

External links

- "Grey Cup: 1970" (https://web.archive.org/web/20100823210808/http://www.cfl.ca/page/his_greycup_recap1970). Canadian Football League. Archived from the original (http://www.cfl.ca/page/his_greycup_recap1970) on 2010-08-23.

Video clips

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A4rGvpITvo8> (black and white)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i3ZCm1KDApo> (color) videos of the entire game
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3NX8WBkHM3Y> 1 minute video of the game

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